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RECOGNIZING SKANEATELES HIGH SCHOOL BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM

PROCLAMATION FOR PASTOR INELLA R. MATTOX

10TH ANNUAL LAKESHORE CLASSIC BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2017*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and respect that I recognize the Gary Chamber of Commerce as the organization celebrates the 10th Annual Lakeshore Classic basketball invitational. In observance of this special event, the Gary Chamber of Commerce hosted a celebratory corporate luncheon in Gary, Indiana, at the Diamond Center on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, followed by the basketball invitational at West Side Leadership Academy on Friday, November 24, 2017, and Saturday, November 25, 2017.

The theme for this year's Lakeshore Classic is "Region Proud." This theme acknowledges the important contributions of our local youth in illuminating the strength and virtues of Northwest Indiana. Northwest Indiana is a region that strives for excellence and overcomes obstacles. To enhance the "Region Proud" theme, the Gary Chamber of Commerce has chosen Mike Huff, former Chicago White Sox player and team representative, as a guest speaker for the corporate luncheon. Mr. Huff played for several teams and overcame various challenges throughout his outstanding professional baseball career. Today, Mike is Vice President—Baseball/Fastpitch, Outfield, Bunting and Baserunning Instructor at the Bulls/Sox Youth Academy, located in the Chicagoland area. The Bulls/Sox Youth Academy is a facility that provides instruction to youth athletes in the sports of basketball, baseball, and fastpitch softball. Mike is dedicated to improving their skills and building the self-esteem of each young athlete that comes through the door. For his truly genuine and outstanding support of these young athletes, Mr. Huff is worthy of our gratitude and respect.

At this time, I would like to recognize the schools participating in the Lakeshore Classic basketball tournament. These schools are dedicated to positively impacting Northwest Indiana through academic excellence and sportsmanship. The participating schools include West Side Leadership Academy, East Chicago Central High School, Thea Bowman Academy, Chicago Farragut Career Academy, Gary Theodore Roosevelt College and Career Academy, and Michigan City Marquette Catholic High School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the Gary Chamber of Commerce and the organizers and sponsors of the 10th Annual Lakeshore Classic. Their influence, passion, and dedication to our youth and to the community in Northwest Indiana are truly commendable.

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2017*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the victory of the Skaneateles High School Boys Football team in the New York State Championship game on Friday, November 24th. The Skaneateles Lakers defeated Holy Trinity Pride by a score of 28–25 for its first football state championship in the school's history.

After ending the first half only up two points, the Lakers fought hard and worked as a team to score two more touchdowns in the second half of the game. Junior Patrick Hackler, who led his team to victory as captain and as the quarterback, received the championship game's Most Valuable Player Award.

The Lakers finished their season with a 12–1 record due to the hard work of seniors Jacob Nesbitt, John Ryan, Tyler Schneider, Hunter Woodruff, James Leubner, Hunter Dart, Jon Ricklefs, Jared Calapari, Haas Tehan, TJ Greenfield, Scott Ochsner, Cross Bianchi, and Tom Scherrer; juniors Craig Scherrer, Areh Boni, Patrick Hackler, Luke Viggiano, William McGlynn, John Danforth, Carter Blake, Will Frank, Jimmy Liberatore, Oliver Weir, Solomon Landsberg, Nathan Squires, Nathan Wellington, and Jack Carlile; sophomores Caden Custer, Nick Wamp, Avery Rodgers, and Billy Richards; and freshmen Alex Goethe, Jack Comer, Ken Byrne, Nathaniel Congel, Colin Cox, Ben Euto, James Falso, Jack Mannigan, Mason Michel, Christian Miles-Pizzoleo, Hunter Simmons, and Calen Van Holtz. The team was coached by Joe Sindoni, an exceptional leader with an accomplished football résumé.

Lakers played with dedication and respect throughout the entire season. This hard-earned championship is something these teammates will cherish for the rest of their lives. I commend the hard work, commitment, and teamwork displayed by these young men. Excellence on the field translates to excellence off the field and the practice of sacrificing for the common goal builds character in our children. I could not be more proud to congratulate these young men on their tremendous season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2017*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, on November 28th and 29th, I am not recorded on four votes because I was absent due to illness.

Had I been present, I would have voted: Yes on Roll Call 638, the Fowler and Boskoff Peaks Designation Act; Yes on Roll Call 639, the Superior National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2017; Yes on Roll Call 640, ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 631; and Yes on Roll Call 641, the combined rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 3017 and H.R. 3905.

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2017*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation for Pastor Inella R. Mattox:

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman who has given of herself to her family, church, community, and nation; and

Whereas, Pastor Inella R. Mattox good works are present throughout the state of Georgia as an exemplary mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, neighbor, community worker, minister and friend; and

Whereas, this giant of a woman, who was reared up in Senoia, Georgia, moved to Atlanta, Georgia, when she was 17, was born on June 7, 1937, to the late Robert Lewis Rush and Bethenia Rush; and

Whereas, Pastor Inella Mattox was a virtuous woman, a woman of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of her community and family which in turn uplifted others; and

Whereas, she was an exemplary matriarch, serving as compass and wise counselor and bringing great joy to her church New Creation, our district, her family and friends; and

Whereas, Pastor Mattox loved her family; encouraging all of those around her to make a difference, be it her children, her friends, her neighbors and her church members at the New Creation Church in Decatur, Georgia where she served as founder and pastor; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of herself, never asking for fame or fortune as she became a quiet storm, a spark that starts a flame; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional Recognition on Pastor Inella R. Mattox for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens of Georgia and the nation; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 115th Congress that Pastor Inella R. Mattox of Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition" Pastor Inella R. Mattox, U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Proclaimed, this 1st day of June, 2017.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF RANDY DEANDA

**HON. NORMA J. TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2017*

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Randy DeAnda of the City of Rialto in my district on the occasion of his retirement from a lifetime of exemplary public service to the communities of the Inland Empire.

Chief DeAnda has been a police officer for 31 years, 25 of which have been with the City of Rialto. My district has benefitted greatly over the years from his qualified background in community safety. He received his Bachelor's degree in Workforce Education and Development, he is a graduate of both the Peace